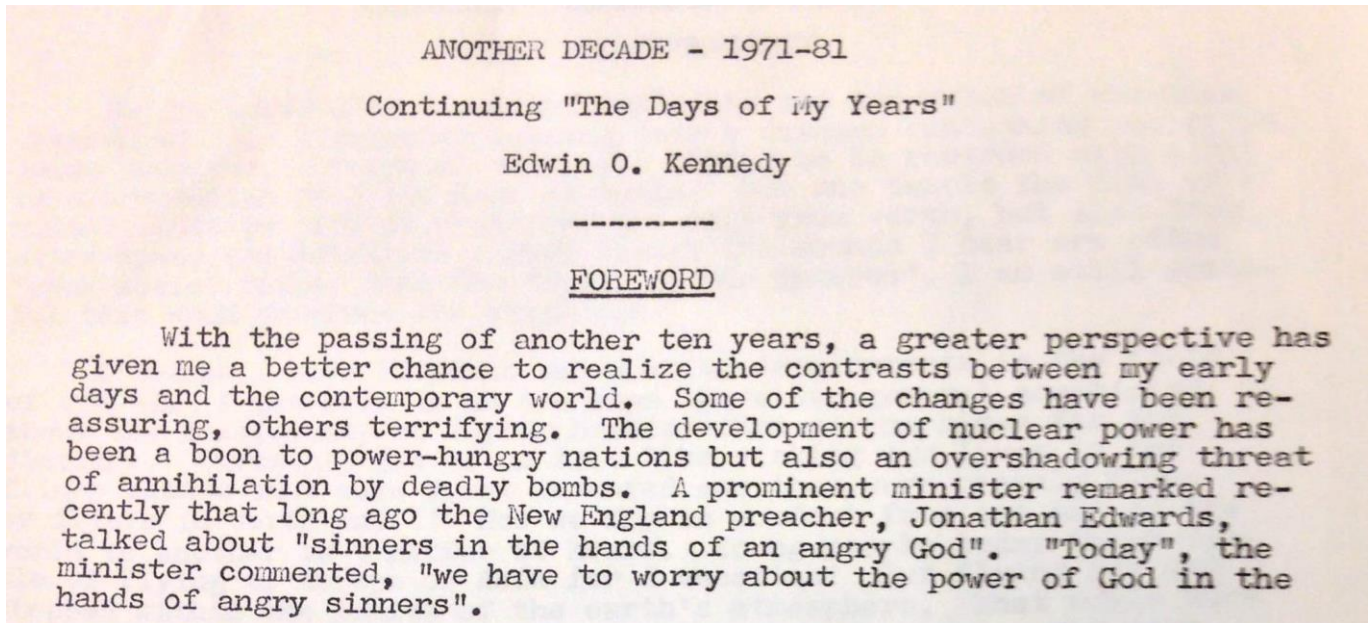


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Finding Aid for

**Edwin Oliver Kennedy Papers, 1956 – 1981**



The Days of My Years, UTS: Edwin O. Kennedy Papers, 1856-1981, box 1, folder 2,  
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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### Summary Information

Creator: Edwin Oliver Kennedy, 1900-1997  
Title: Edwin Oliver Kennedy Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1956-1981  
Bulk dates: 1956-1966, 1971-1981  
Abstract: Union Theological Seminary alum, pastor and professor of practical theology. Collection contains correspondence and personal writings.  
Size: 1 boxes, 0.25 linear feet  
Storage: **Offsite storage**  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
3041 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027  
Email: [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu)

### Administrative Information

- Provenance: Exact provenance unknown. *The Days of My Years: An Autobiography, 1971* was donated by the Mohonk Mountain House Archives and added to the collection in 2020.
- Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu), or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying. Please note that boxes are held in Offsite storage and will require 48 hours' notice in response to a weekday request for retrieval.
- Preferred Citation: Item description, UTS: Edwin O. Kennedy Papers, 1956-1981, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### Biography

Edwin Oliver Kennedy was born in New York City on January 31, 1900. He attended Union College then went on to Union Theological Seminary from 1921–1924 to earn a Bachelor of Divinity before being ordained by the Presbytery Church of Albany on April 18, 1924.

Edwin O. Kennedy served as pastor of the Ridgeview Community Presbyterian Church in West Orange, New Jersey from 1924–1934. He worked as associate professor of practical theology as well as Secretary and President of the Alumni Association at Union Theological Seminary from 1952 until his retirement in 1966. Union College and Carroll College both awarded him an honorary Doctorate in Divinity and he retired from ministry in 1984.

He died on October 3, 1997 in Washington Township, New Jersey.

### Sources:

"Edwin O. Kennedy, 97, Pastor And a Professor at a Seminary." *The New York Times*. October 26, 1997. Accessed November 10, 2015.

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### Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection includes two types of materials containing personal writings and correspondence. The first is correspondence between Union Theological Seminary and Fordham University while Edwin O. Kennedy served as the secretary of the Seminary. The second is a two-part personal essay of a biographic nature written while Kennedy was in his 70s. Part two, added first, is

entitled *The Days of My Years: Another Decade 1971 – 1981*. Part one, added later, is entitled *The Days of My Years: An Autobiography*.

### Processing

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

### Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Correspondence between Union Seminary and Fordham University
1	2	<i>The Days of My Years: Another Decade, 1971 – 1981</i>
1	3	<i>The Days of My Years: An Autobiography, 1971</i>